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CELEBRATING THE CITY OF  
ERBENDORF, GERMANY'S 900TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and honor the city of Erbdorf in the Oberpfalz region in the State of Bavaria in Germany as it celebrates its 900th Birthday.

Nine hundred years ago, this village was first mentioned as "Herbendorf" in the Establishment and Protection letters of Pope Paschalis II as he wrote to the monastery Weissenhohe in Oberfranken. Although it appears that location is today what is known as Altstadt, it is clear that the city we know today has enjoyed an existence for more than 900 years. And since history does not stand still, we are sure that someday an even earlier mention of this city will be found.

In its more than 900 year history, the city of Erbdorf has certainly changed and developed. Through the middle ages and modern times it has been beset by war, hunger, pestilence, and siege. However, this has given the city its inner strength and it has now grown into a beloved city with a wonderful quality of life, enviable infrastructure, and a strong economy.

Certainly some of its most prominent citizens include Buergermeister Hans Donko, Axel Baron von Stromberg, and Hilde and Fritz Kohr, who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary and continue to operate one of the city's most beloved businesses, Konditorei Kohr. In addition the city was the birthplace of two of its most favorite daughters, Maria Schrebs Trottmann, who emigrated to Neustadt/Waldnaab, and my mother Meta Baronin von Stromberg McMahon, who emigrated to the United States where she had seven children who to this day consider themselves part of the Erbdorf family. For many years, her brother Doctor Nils Baron von Stromberg and his wife Charlotte served the city as family doctors.

Madam Speaker, the city of Erbdorf has had a front row seat to the turbulent course of European history. For nearly a millennium, her citizens have borne witness to the countless events—from the epic to the mundane which unfolded to shape the Europe and the world of today. I am proud to be a son of the city of Erbdorf and offer my congratulations on its 900th anniversary.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: MILCON, Army National Guard

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kentucky Department of Military Affairs

Address of Requesting Entity: Boone National Guard Center, 100 Minuteman Parkway, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$1.805 million to complete construction of the Phase IV Aviation Operation Facility—London Joint Readiness Center located in Laurel County, Kentucky. The funding will be used for the construction of two additional (11,400 Sf) unheated aircraft storage buildings at the facility. The project is required to fully house the Joint Support Operations equipment and personnel in one facility located in the vicinity of operations. At the conclusion of this project, the unit will be able to respond quicker and in a much more efficient manner which will allow a greater return on investment funds spent on the operation.

TEMPLE TEACHER

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, congratulations to Temple High School German teacher Nella Spurlin who was recently honored as Regional Teacher of the Year by the Southwest Conference on Language Teaching. The hard work and passion that she was committed to distinguished her from educators of the nine other states in the region.

On behalf of Texas District 31, I would like to wish Ms. Spurlin the best of luck when she competes against other regional winners for the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language National Teacher of the Year award in November.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Standards on Congressional appropriations initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding a project that was included at my request in H.R. 2647, The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010:

Consolidate Communications Facility

Account: Military Construction, U.S. Air Force

Legal name and address of requesting entity: MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida.

Description of request: \$21,000,000 for a Consolidated Communication Facility (Project Number NVZR033702). MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida does not have an adequate Consolidated Communication Facility for the Joint Components of USSOCOM and USCENCOM forces. This Consolidated Communication Facility would provide for all communication circuits (both digital and analog) entering and exiting MacDill AFB. The Department of Defense Unified Facilities Criteria Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection guidance

requires that essential communication equipment be located in a secure environment. Base Network Control Center functions currently located in Bldg 260 will be relocated to the new secure facility.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, on June 24, 2009, due to a medical situation involving a member of my immediate family, I had to return to my district and was unable to participate in rollcall votes 435 through 452. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

"yes" on rollcall 435; "yes" on rollcall 436; "no" on rollcall 437; "yes" on rollcall 438; "no" on rollcall 439; "no" on rollcall 440; "no" on rollcall 441; "yes" on rollcall 442; "no" on rollcall 443; "no" on rollcall 444; "no" on rollcall 445; "no" on rollcall 446; "no" on rollcall 447; "no" on rollcall 448; "no" on rollcall 449; "yes" on rollcall 450; "yes" on rollcall 451; "yes" on rollcall 452.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Bill Number: H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: OPAF, Line 12

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California National Guard

Address of Requesting Entity: 9800 Goethe Road, Box 42, Sacramento, CA 95826

Description of Request: I received an earmark of \$4 million to upgrade the Eagle Vision III system which is operated by the 147th Combat Communications Squadron, in San Diego, California. In October of 2007, San Diego suffered through one of the worst wild-fire disasters in California history. With thousands of homes lost and hundreds of thousands of lives changed, the California National Guard requested upgrades to Eagle Vision, the San Diego based system that has already proven itself as an asset for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, CAL Fires/OES, and the Army Strategic Command. The Eagle Vision III system directly and indirectly supported the 2008 Midwest Flooding, Hurricanes Fay, Gustav, and Ike and has participated in numerous military exercises. To augment the current system, this request seeks to provide resources for an increased imaging system that will provide higher resolution images, with more frequent access to images for first responders, while at the same time allowing for image data collection through clouds, haze and smoke. These capabilities are essential for the military and will be critical to the San Diego region for combating natural disasters such as wildfires, floods and hurricanes.

MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR  
CHANCELLOR

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate to Dr. Jerry G. Bawcom, President at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, in Belton Texas, as Dr. Bawcom transitions into the office of the Chancellor. As the 21st President of UMHB, he has served as President for 18 years and will become Chancellor on June 1, 2009. I would like to thank Dr. Bawcom for his leadership and service as well as congratulate him and wish him well in his new position as Chancellor.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the U.S. House of Representatives Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

The City of Gainesville Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project, Gainesville, TX—\$500,000—STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The purpose of this project is to expand the water supply and distribution system to convey treated water to the City of Valley View, Bolivar Water Supply and other water users in Cooke County, Texas. The requested funding will be utilized for raw water pump station improvements, a treatment unit and backwash pump station, high service pump station expansion, and other appurtenances as necessary for the water treatment plant upgrade. Federal funding is necessary to allow the city to meet its obligation to provide a stable drinking water supply for residents of Gainesville and surrounding communities and to reduce the region's reliance on limited groundwater sources. The total project cost is \$2,533,007. Matching funds will be provided through in-kind services and through city and state funds.

The City of Gainesville is located at 200 South Rusk, Gainesville, TX 76240.

THANKING LILLIAN BETHEA FOR  
HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement on December 31, 2008, we rise to thank Mrs. Lillian Bethea for twelve years of distinguished service to the United States House of Representatives and 36 years of service in the United States Government. Lillian has served this great institution as a valuable employee of

House Information Resources, in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Lillian began her tenure with the United States House of Representatives in 1996 as a Systems Analyst working in the Member Information Network (MIN) Group and later for the Quality Assurance Team. Lillian specialized in the support and maintenance of in-House applications including but not limited to Federal Funds Reports, Grants and Contracts and Bulletin Board services. She became a Federal Funds Trainer based on her extensive knowledge and attention to detail on the project. Lillian has played an important role in many information technology projects including Quality Assurance and Integrated Services and Information Systems (ISIS) testing. During the Y2K remediation efforts, she played an instrumental role in quality assurance and data testing of systems resulting in the successful transfer of services from the mainframe to their new platforms.

Since 2004, Lillian has been a Team Leader for the Web Solutions Call Center. Her attention to detail and quality assurance experience were again highlighted as she managed the customer request tracking system, team assignments, and day to day customer requests for the Web Group. Her duties included managing customer requests for web services using the Customer Tracking System (CTS) and coordinating with external teams to process Secure ID Web Manager requests, establishing Listserv lists, and providing permissions and access to Web Site Statistic services. Again, her detail orientation and quality work ethic assured the security of the House Web infrastructure through oversight and management of the necessary processes involved. Lillian also played a vital role in the preparation of materials and coordination of efforts for the House Services Fair, ensuring the Web Solutions Branch was properly represented during the event.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Lillian for many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the United States House of Representatives. We wish Lillian many wonderful years in fulfilling her retirement dreams.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 2047) to authorize appropriation for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strength for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong support of National Defense Authorization Act of 2009.

The Department of Defense directed the Army to restructure its premier modernization program known as Future Combat Systems—FCS program—which includes a network of new sensors, radios, robotic vehicles and a fleet of new combat vehicles.

I personally commend the thousands of dedicated soldiers, department of defense civilians and their defense industry partners who worked on the project.

More than 1,000 of these dedicated men and women that do the engineering work for the FCS program live and work in my district. Some 10,000 employees in 74 Michigan companies worked to provide the Army a new ground combat vehicle fleet.

Many of them will be economically disadvantaged, despite their best efforts, by termination of the combat vehicle project.

Legislation passed by the Armed Services committee recognizes the restructuring of the FCS program and provides guidance on how the Army should proceed.

Providing for the national defense is in the preamble of the Constitution of the United States, it is this body's most solemn duty and responsibility. We must ensure that the men and women we send into harm's way have the very best training and equipment we can provide.

It's imperative that we move rapidly to provide the Army a new ground combat vehicle that protects American soldiers against IEDs, road side bombs and anti-tank munitions. We must not lose the momentum gained during six years of research and development and the multibillion dollar taxpayer investment on this project.

Any new program must consider both Army and Marine Corps needs for manned ground combat vehicles now and in the future. It must build on what we have learned from three separate FCS ground vehicle designs as well as lessons learned from combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We have the best trained and dedicated Armed Forces in the world. Will we ask them to go to combat with vehicles that are nearly two generations old, designed for a different enemy and more conventional warfare?

Instead, let's build on the work that has already been done; ensure that billions of taxpayer dollars already spent are not wasted by starting from scratch, and provide U.S. Soldiers and Marines vehicles and systems that provide increased situational awareness for the conflicts of the future.

I urge the members to make a new combat vehicle the centerpiece of Army's research and development efforts in a restructured program.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY JOP

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate The Honorable Judy Schier Hoobs, Justice of the Peace for Williamson County, Precinct 4, who was awarded "Judge of the Year" by the Central Texas Justices of the Peace and Constables Association (CTJPCA) on April 15, 2009. When the group held their first meeting in 1986, Judge Hobbs was elected as the first vice president and was later elected as president in 1987. A lifetime member of the CTJPCA, Judge Hobbs was chaplain in 2008 and chair of the Legislative Committee. I am truly proud to have Judge Hobbs serve in Texas District 31.